

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 16, 2021

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: None

Rep. Crane called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

RS 28256: **Rep. Syme** presented **RS 28256** which revises the provisions regarding the qualifications that a precinct committeeman must be registered and reside in a voting precinct for a period of at least six months preceding his next election.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 28256**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28587: **Rep. von Ehlinger** presented **RS 28587**, a Memorial that seeks to condemn the Communist Chinese government and the Chinese Communist party to its deceit, duplicity, and crimes against humanity during the initial phase of the COVID-19 outbreak, and let it be know to the President and Congress of the United States that it is the position of the Idaho Legislature that Communist China should be sanctioned and otherwise punished for its misdeeds in relation to the COVID-19 outbreak.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 28587**.
During discussion, **Rep. von Ehlinger** responded that he will provide documentation of crimes from the Department of Homeland Security.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28518: **Rep. Nichols** presented **RS 28518**, a resolution affirming the Idaho Legislature recognizes in a free society, the integrity of personal liberty and fundamental human rights should always be protected. No mandate or mechanism in Idaho law would ever permit or justify the use of forced immigrations, vaccinations, inoculations, or genetic modulations of any person, even during times of exigency or emergency, such as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The resolution also states the legislature shall oppose efforts by any person or entity, including the federal government, to require, mandate, or force any person to receive immunizations, vaccinations, inoculations, or genetic modulations.
In response to questions, **Rep. Nichols** was not opposed to changing language on line 20 replacing the word *against* with contrary to.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to introduce **RS 28518** will the following change: Line 20, replace the word *against* with contrary to.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE:** Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 14 AYE, 0 NAY** Voting in Favor of the motion: **Reps. Crane, Armstrong, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias**

RS 28598: **Rep. Furniss** presented **RS 28598**, which would provide clarifying consumer protection provisions to reduce confusion between insurance and healthcare sharing ministries offering non-insurance sharing of medical costs among their members. If printed, the bill will be referred to the Business Committee.

In response to questions, **Rep. Furniss** said many faith-based organizations can offer less expensive policies and work with pre-existing conditions. They do not fall under the Obamacare regulations and have more flexibility. The Department of Insurance does not currently regulate healthcare sharing ministries. This proposed legislation is a preemptive move to ensure people's claims are being met fairly. It would give people a place to call if they experience fraud. The National Association of Healthcare Sharing Ministries has precluded the start up of new healthcare sharing ministries. Currently there are 19 states regulating these organizations and 14 states looking at similar legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to return **RS 28598** to the sponsor.

During discussion, it was noted criminal statutes are already in place to handle fraudulent activities.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Kelly Staskey
Secretary